

The Woodlands Fire Department Fire Station and Training Facility (Fiscal Year 2006)

The Woodlands Township created Economic Development Zone #4 (EDZ #4) to fund the construction of a new fire station and state-of-the-art training center in the College Park service area of the District by The Woodlands Fire Department. The \$11.6 million project is funded through a one percent sales tax increment zone (EDZ #4) created by The Woodlands Township.

Town Green Park (Fiscal Year 2005)

Town Green Park, The Woodlands' "downtown central park" serves as a special community-gathering space and is the location of several community festivals and events each year. The site for the 4-acre park was donated by The Woodlands Development Company and The Woodlands Township and EDZ #2 funded the \$4.3 million project.

Market Street (Fiscal Year 2005)

Market Street, a 480,000 square-foot mixed-use development, has become one of The Woodlands' most popular attractions, including shopping, dining, entertainment venues and office space. It was partially funded through Town Center Economic Development Zone #2 (EDZ #2), which receives a one percent sales tax increment to repay the approved public project cost of \$10.6 million.

The creation of Market Street was the result of a partnership between The Woodlands Township and Kimco Woodlands, LP, and has created an estimated 1,200 to 1,500 direct jobs, increased visitors to The Woodlands by approximately 5 to 6 million each year and generated an estimated \$35 million in sales tax and \$1.5 million in construction sales tax for the State of Texas.

The Woodlands Mall Expansion (Fiscal Year 2004)

The Woodlands Mall, owned and operated by General Growth Properties (GGP), is a regional destination for more than one million people in a 20-mile radius. It routinely ranks in the top 10 percent nationally for sales per square foot.

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Convention Center (Fiscal Year 2001)

In 2001, The Woodlands Township issued bonds for the construction of The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Convention Center as well as a sky bridge and an adjoining parking garage. The \$51.2 million project is funded by a hotel occupancy tax collected by The Woodlands Township.

Today, The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Convention Center is one of Houston's top performing convention centers and features over 70,000 square feet of meeting space.

Pavilion Expansion (Fiscal Year 2001)

The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, one of Houston's premier outdoor amphitheaters for concerts and performing arts events, attracts more than 500,000 people each year. In 2001, the Pavilion expanded its seating capacity to more than 17,000 with the help of The Woodlands Township and Town Center Economic Development Zone #1 (EDZ #1).

The \$1.35 million project used sales tax increment financing to fund the additional 4,000 seats.

I-45 Beautification Project (Fiscal Year 2000)

The Woodlands Township was nationally recognized in 2004, receiving the Lady Bird Johnson Arbor Day Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation for its ongoing Interstate-45 Beautification Initiative. This ambitious program has enhanced the I-45 corridor running through South Montgomery County with extensive natural vegetation. Eight local and regional governmental agencies and associations made the project possible.